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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

I'm 533-2R. 32-tf-c
Buy the best. Buy DeLuxe.—77-tf
J. C. Chick was in Ithaca on business Monday.
Frank LaBart was in Bay City on business Tuesday.
"Lombardi Ltd." Regent Sunday and Monday.—adv.
You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. 02-tf-c
Mrs. P. T. Banghart is visiting with relatives in Detroit this week.
Billie Burke in "Wanted, a Husband"—Idlehour, Sunday.—adv.
Sheriff Alfred Willert of Ithaca was in the city on business Monday. 533-2R. That's my number from now on. Downer, "The Furnace Man." 32-tf-c
Carl E. Gallagher was in Saginaw Friday evening attending the meeting of the Shrine.
Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-tf
A full line of spring millinery at Quick's store, old library building on Woodworth avenue.—adv.
George Sarti left Tuesday for Colorado Springs, Colo., where he will spend the next few weeks.
Mrs. Joseph Robe of Newark, Ohio, is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. McLaren.
The regular meeting of Alma 43 O. E. S. will be held Friday evening, March 5, at the Masonic Temple.
T. A. Robinson, who has been visiting at the home of his parents for a week, left for New York Saturday.
The U. S. Army Surplus Stock sale will open in St. Louis, Mich., on Saturday, March 6, at 9:00 a. m.—adv.
She fell in love with a kiss—not a man—see "The Beloved Cheater"—Idlehour, Monday and Tuesday.—adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoyt of Mt. Pleasant spent the week end in this city visiting with relatives and friends.
W. J. Melchers of Owosso, general manager of the Union Telephone company, was in the city on business Saturday.
The M. E. Aid Society solicit your order for gladiolus bulbs, roses, seeds, etc. Send list to either Mrs. Gerhardt or Mrs. Ezra Smith.—adv.
Don't forget the chicken supper at the Baptist church Wednesday evening, March 10, from six o'clock until all are served. Price 50c.—adv.
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Attorney James G. Kress, of Alma, will be a candidate for the office of Probate Judge, at the August Primaries on the Republican ticket. 37-tf
Mrs. Vliet's division of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid society will hold a Baked Goods sale of bread and rolls on Saturday afternoon, March 6, at Ellison's store.—adv.

William Griesman, aged 69 years, died at the Masonic Home Sunday, February 29, following an illness of some months duration. The body was shipped to Flint Monday morning, where the burial was made.—adv.
Mrs. Ezra L. Smith of this city attended the state women's training conference, in Lansing last week. The conference was held in connection with a pastors' conference on the Interchurch World Movement.
Robert Watson, who with Verne Bamber of this city, recently purchased a furniture store in East Jordan, spent the week end in this city, packing his household goods. He will move his family to that place at once.
The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold a Baked Goods sale at the Gas office, Saturday, March 6, beginning at ten o'clock. Every member of the Union is asked to contribute to this sale and help to put the Jubilee fund over the top.
The Model Bakery is undergoing some big improvements this week to make the East Superior street bakery a far better looking place than has been the case in the past. Manager McKee is remodeling the interior to a slight extent and is also doing considerable redecorating.
On Friday morning, March 5, Miss Annie A. Pollard, president of the Michigan Library Association, and a member of the staff of the Grand Rapids Public Library will address the student body of Alma College at 9:40 in the college chapel, on library work as a vocation. Any townspeople who may be interested in the subject are cordially invited to attend.
The Washington supper given by the Lady Maccabees Thursday evening, February 26, was a pleasant event. The tables were prettily decorated with American flags and small cherry trees. Small hatchets decorated with clusters of cherries were used for place cards. About eighty ladies, their husbands or sweethearts, enjoyed the feast which had been prepared by the committee. Toasts were given by the ladies and responded to by the gentlemen.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

The following letters remain at this office uncalled for and if not delivered will be sent to the dead letter office on March 8th, 1920.
Baler, Mrs. Hannah
Fagrellius, S. E.
Glidden, J.
Hattin, Mr. Dee
Lawrence, Mrs. Rae
Northrup, Miss Fay
North, Miss Grace
Peck, Mrs. D. R.
Phillips, Miss Ima
Ranger, Carl
Stimp, R. A.
Todd, Master A.
Tiffit, Mr. C. Tracey
Teskey, Mr. Hugh
William, Mr. Sherman
V. P. Cash, Postmaster.

Kind of Horse He Wanted.

Bitly admired Charlie's rocking horse very much and begged his mother to buy him one. His mother could not understand what he wanted, so he said: "Oh, I want a horse that keeps on going and never gets anywhere."

EAST ALMA

The Parent-Teachers Club will have an "Irish Night" on Wednesday, March 10, at 7:30 p. m. This is in honor of St. Patrick. Professor Ira A. Beddow, dramatic reader, of Mt. Pleasant will give some of his very finest readings. Refreshments will be served. The meeting will be held in the Republic school.
The mid-week service at the home of Mrs. Hawkins, was one of the best yet, both for attendance and for real uplift. Everybody present contributed something to the success of the meeting. This week Thursday night at 8 p. m. the meeting is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hinderleighter, corner of Michigan and Hayes avenue. This is a service for the whole community. Come and enjoy a real old time revival prayer meeting. The song service is a feature of these meetings.
Mrs. Fraser, Grover avenue, has returned from the hospital. She is still very sick.
Mrs. March, Republic avenue, is caring for the Teed's two year old child. Mrs. Teed is in the hospital.
Fred Wood and his wife are moving from Pleasant avenue near Rosedale avenue.
The Misses Brown and Maxwell, teachers in Republic school, spent the week end at their respective homes. They were held up Monday on account of the train being snowbound.
Mrs. Mockridge Grove avenue, has received word of the death of her mother in Windsor, Canada.
Glen Eyer and his family have moved to Mr. Christian Eyer's farm twelve and one-half miles south of Alma.
Mr. Rumburger, Hayes avenue, has been sick for some weeks. He is still detained at home.
The Shumway family has moved into the house at the corner of Elmwood and Eastward streets.
Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay attended the funeral of their oldest boy at Clare last week. He was 31 years of age. At the time of the funeral his wife and boy of two years were both sick with the same disease.
The Sunday school at Eastminster Chapel is growing rapidly both in numbers and in excellent class work. The Bible class is a very interesting gathering.
Sunday school opens at 10:30 and morning worship is at 11:30.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy and the numerous beautiful flowers during the illness and at the death of our beloved mother; also Rev. Duffey for his comforting words and Mr. G. V. Wright for his many acts of kindness.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, Mr. and Mrs. John Ray.

CARD OF THANKS

The father, mother, wife and other relatives of the late Willard A. Holmes hereby express their sincere thanks to the many friends who have so profusely expressed their sympathy and sorrow in this bereavement.
J. S. Smith, 716 Grace Ave., Alma, Mich.

NOTICE

The Republican caucus will be held on Monday, March 15, at 2 p. m. at the town hall, for the purpose of nominating officers for the township ticket of Pine River.
By order of the Committee.

Fertilizers in the Netherlands.

One source of the demand for fertilizers in the Netherlands that one is apt to overlook is the fairly extensive reclamation of waste land. The process of dyking and draining that has won large sections of the country from the sea and its cultivation in the product to drain the greater part of the Zuyder Zee are well known.

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I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the kind neighbors and friends who in any way assisted me during the serious illness of my wife, Mrs. Maud Smith, also for the fruit sent her.
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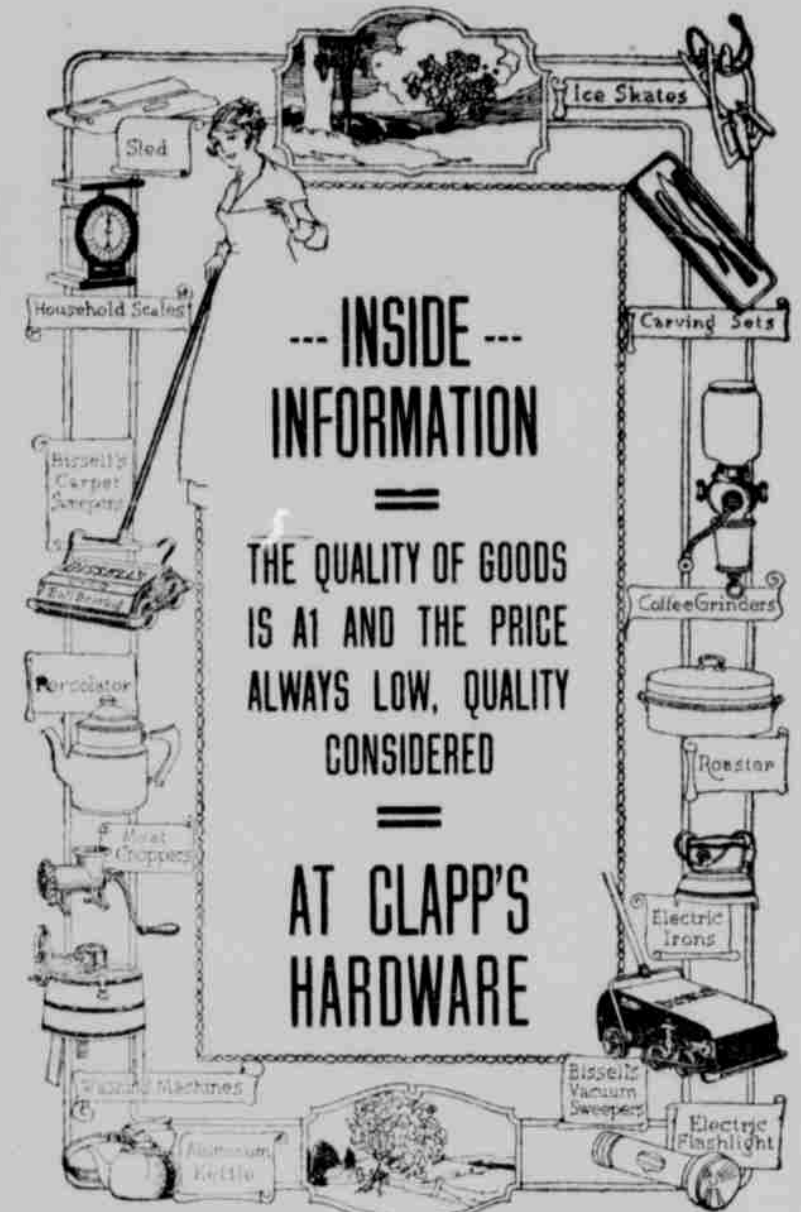
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